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STAFF REPORT: Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

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SUBJECT: Grants Program Update

Summary

Update on the status of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (Grants Program).

Discussion

2018/2019 Grant Cycle

Per regulations governing the Grants Program, the 2018/19 Grants Cycle will commence on January 7, 2019, when application materials are made available on the OHMVR Division website. The timeline for the 2018/19 Grants Cycle is as follows:

- Grants workshops, Pomona January 7 and 8, 2019
- Grants workshops, Sacramento January 10 and 11, 2019
- Preliminary applications due March 4, 2019
- Final applications due June 3, 2019
- Intent to Award posted August 5, 2019

Regulations

Grant staff have been working on a regulatory change package that proposes revisions to the OHMVR Grants Program regulations. Regulatory changes are subject to the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) and are reviewed and approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

The package is a comprehensive review of the Grants Program regulations. A few of the changes include:

 Changes in the application review timeline. This also includes an extra month for the public to provide comments on the applications.

- Youth training programs (e.g., NYPUM) will be able to use the State Vehicular Recreation Areas if they receive grant funding for an education grant.
- The Soils Conservation section was revised to provide clarity to the grantees.
- The entire Equipment Costs section was revised. Language was included to provide the State with safeguards on the purchase of equipment. This will allow the State to have greater oversight on grant funded equipment acquisition and equipment use rates.

We anticipate approval from the OAL towards the end of November 2018. The new regulations will take effect with the beginning of the 2018/19 Grant Cycle which is January 2019.

Commission Action

For information only.

Attachments

Key Dates

Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

2018/19 (G18) Grant Cycle Key Dates

1/7 & 8, 2019	Workshop being held in Bakersfield, California
1/10 & 11, 2019	Workshop being held in Sacramento, California
1/14/2019	Opening of the application process
3/4/2019	Preliminary applications are due
3/5 - 5/6/2019	Public comment period
6/3/2019	Final applications are due
8/5/2019	Intent to Award posted on the OHMVR Division website
9/5/2019	If no appeals, awards become final